FIRST CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1979
CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 1-51, CD1

A RESOLUTION

Respectfully urging the Secretary of the Interior and the High Commissioner to pursue all means necessary to complete the capital improvement projects identified in the document entitled "Second Level Capital Improvement Program."

1 WHEREAS, the Charter of the United Nations, in Article 73 of Chapter XI, relating to non-self governing territories, states that members of the United Nations which assume responsibilities for the administration of non-self governing territories recognize that the interests of the inhabitants of the non-self governing territories are paramount; and

2 WHEREAS, the referenced article of the United Nations Charter also states that member nations which assume responsibility for the administration of non-self governing territories accept "as a sacred trust" the obligation to promote "to the utmost" the well-being of the inhabitants of non-self governing territories and to ensure the political, economic, social, and educational advancement of the inhabitants, in part, through the promotion of constructive measures of development; and

3 WHEREAS, one of the basic objectives of the trusteeship system, as set forth in Article 76 of Chapter XII of the United Nations Charter, is the promotion of the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants of a trust territory; and

4 WHEREAS, the United States, as a party to the agreement with the United Nations to act as trustee for the inhabitants of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, is legally obligated to promote the social and economic advancement of all inhabitants of the Trust Territory and may not discharge such legal obligation by the selective development and advancement of only the inhabitants of those islands which have become seats of government or
1 major population centers; and
2 WHEREAS, the inhabitants of the Trust Territory who reside on islands
3 which are not seats of government or major population centers have a legal
4 right to fair and equal treatment under the terms of the Trusteeship Agreement,
5 which is law within the Trust Territory, as required by Section 7 of Title I of
6 the Trust Territory Code, which forbids the denial of equal protection of the
7 laws; and
8 WHEREAS, the on-going capital improvement program is focused almost
9 exclusively on the islands which are seats of government or which have become
10 population centers, and does not address the needs of the large proportion of
11 the inhabitants who do not reside on the islands which are seats of government
12 or which have become population centers; and
13 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning and Statistics within the Office of the
14 High Commissioner coordinated the development of a program of capital improve-
15 ments referred to as "second level" to meet some of the pressing needs of
16 islands which are not seats of government or population centers; and
17 WHEREAS, very shortly after the Office of the High Commissioner published
18 the document entitled "Second Level Capital Improvement Program," the High
19 Commissioner stated publicly that he did not intend to seek funding for the
20 Program; and
21 WHEREAS, it is the sense of the First Congress of the Federated States
22 of Micronesia that the failure of the Secretary of Interior and the High
23 Commissioner to pursue the funding necessary to meet the needs of the large
24 proportion of the population of the Federated States of Micronesia who do not
25 reside on the islands which are seats of government or which have become
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population centers, after such needs were formally identified and acknowledged
in the course of developing the Second Level Capital Improvement Program,
appears to disregard obligations and commitments central to the trusteeship
concept generally and to the Trusteeship Agreement between the United Nations
and the United States more specifically, as well as provisions of the United
Nations Charter relating to non-self governing territories; and

WHEREAS, it is the further sense of this Congress that the Trusteeship
should not be terminated until the obligations assumed under the Trusteeship
Agreement between the United Nations and the United States have been fulfilled
or satisfactory provision made therefor; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia,
Second Regular Session, 1979, that the Secretary of the Interior and the High
Commissioner be respectfully urged to pursue all means necessary to assist
in meeting the needs of those inhabitants of the Trust Territory who reside on
islands which have been largely neglected in the area of infrastructure develop-
ment during the Trusteeship by the completion of the capital improvement
projects identified in the document entitled "Second Level Capital Improvement
Program" published by the Office of the High Commissioner in August 1978; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be
transmitted to the United Nations Trusteeship Council; United States Senators
Warren Magnuson, Frank Church, Jacob Javits, John Glenn, Jesse Helson, Milton
Young, Robert C. Byrd, Thadeus Stevens, Henry Jackson, Mark Hatfield,
J. Bennett Johnston, Jr., Daniel K. Inouye, and Spark Matsunaga; members of
the U.S. House of Representatives Jamie Whitten, Silvio Conte, Sidney Yates,
Joseph McDade, Clement Zablocki, William Broomfield, Lester Wolff,
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1 Tennyson Gayer, Morris Udall, Phillip Burton, Robert Duncan, Donald Clausen,
2 Robert Lagomarsino, Daniel Akaka, Cecil Heftel, and Antonio B. Won Pat;
3 Mr. Rodney Weiher and Mr. Ronald Cogswell in the Office of Management and
4 Budget; Secretary of the Department of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus; Under-
5 Secretary of the Department of the Interior James A. Joseph; Mrs. Ruth G.
6 Van Cleve, Director of the Office of Territorial Affairs; other officials of
7 the Department of the Interior Matthew Novick, Hugh Gallagher, William
8 Bettensburg, and Larry Meierotto; Captain Weis, Officer-in-Charge of
9 Construction, Guam; Trust Territory High Commissioner Adrian P. Winkel; Trust
10 Territory Budget Officer Haruo N. Williter; Trust Territory Planning and
11 Statistics Officer Michael Rody; the President of the Federated States of
12 Micronesia; the Director of each Department and Executive Office of the
13 Federated States of Micronesia; the Governors and State Legislatures of the
14 four States of the Federated States of Micronesia; the Chairman of the
15 Commission on Future Political Status and Transition and the Washington
16 Liaison Officer.
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18 Adopted: October 31, 1979
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